



# Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No 18

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### Chair's Report

By: Grant Tanimoto

Aloha from your Neighborhood Board No. 18. Mahalo for reading this newsletter and for taking an interest in our community.

We are well into a new year and what struck me is that “the more things change, the more they remain the same.”

Our City leaders last considered a fixed rail mass transit project over ten years ago. Your Board has proposed that the transit project run along Salt Lake Boulevard to serve the heavily populated areas in our community.

Parking has always been an issue. There has been discussion at Board meetings to remove certain no-parking areas in Salt Lake to increase the number of parking spaces. Public Safety Chair David Yomes has been discussing these and other issues at our meetings.

Even though the spring rains have ended we all need to be vigilant – the hurricane season is rapidly approaching. The Board annually has had a meeting on disaster readiness with presentations from the Civil Defense and the Red Cross program to train volunteers to help at emergency shelters at Aliamanu Middle School, Salt Lake Elementary School, Makalapa Elementary School, Pearl Harbor Elementary School, Moanalua High School and Radford High School. Also, please read Vice-Chair Len Pepper's article about the avian bird flu.

Graffiti also appears to be on the rise; Board members and community members continue to help government agencies to paint graffiti out as soon as possible. If you are

interested in helping, please contact Environmental Chair Steve Glanstein.

We hope to hear from you! Please attend our meetings; if you cannot attend the meetings the minutes may be mailed or e-mailed to you if you call Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho at 527-5769, or by e-mail at [kho4@honolulu.gov](mailto:kho4@honolulu.gov). The information is also available at the Board's website at <http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb18>.

Aloha and Mahalo

Chair Grant Tanimoto



### Post Offices

By: Len Pepper, Social Services Chair

In addition to the Airport Main Post Office, the following postal services might be of use to you since the post office at the Moanalua Shopping Center is now closed:

The GBC store in Pearlridge, has a full service station, open 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday), and 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Saturdays).

Hawaii Postal Express CPU at Ranch 99 Marketplace, open 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Monday-Saturday).

Aiea Post Office, open 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday), and 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Saturday).

# Painted Markings for Parking Stalls on Ala Ilima Street and Likini Street

By: David Yomes

Neighborhood Board #18 discussed at the February 9, 2006 meeting if having marked painted parking stalls would be feasible in the highly condensed area of Salt Lake. This would be the apartment areas located in and around Ala Ilima Street and Likini Street. This discussion was tabled until the March 9, 2006 meeting.

I was assigned to look into this matter by the NB#18 Chairperson Grant Tanimoto, prior to the March meeting. The City & County of Honolulu specifications for a public roadway marked parking stall is seventeen (17) feet in length. My vehicle, a Dodge Durango SUV (large vehicle), is fourteen (14) feet in length.

Just these measurements alone, would tell you that the community would be losing parking space if marked painted stalls was implemented. A large population of people resides in this small area. There is a definite shortage of parking spaces in this area, and people are being cited on a daily basis for illegal parking.

While looking into this matter, I found that there were curb side parking spaces available on both street, that were marked a "No-Parking" zone for no apparent reason. I took into account all traffic laws that would apply (crosswalk, fire, hydrant, intersection, bus stop, etc.) in these areas, and still could not understand why these areas were considered "no-parking" zones. I believe we owe it to the community to look at these areas individually, and find out why these areas are marked as such. I think by opening these areas for parking, our community would be well served by the City and this Board. It is a shame to see so many people receiving parking tickets that they surely cannot afford!

## **I have listed some of the areas on these streets, to start the ball rolling:**

Across 5265 Likini Street/To rear of Lakeside Manor. Parking space available: 156 feet. Likini Street, kkhd bound, makai curbing. There are no-parking signs posted in this area for 131 feet. After these signs, there is an additional 120 feet to accommodate the bus stop (you only need 95 feet by statute). $131+25=156$ feet	Fronting 2920 Ala Ilima Street/The Lake Shore Tower Parking space available: 142 feet. Ala Ilima Street, ewa bound, mauka curbing. There are no-parking signs posted in this area for 142 feet.
3230 Ala Ilima Street Parking space available: 57 feet. Ala Ilima Street, ewa bound, mauka curbing. There are no-parking signs posted prior to driveway for 57 feet.	2976 Ala Ilima Street Parking space available: 54 feet Ala Ilima Street, ewa bound, mauka curbing. There are no parking signs posted for 54 feet.
5070 Likini Street/Country Club Plaza Parking space available: 75 feet. Likini Street, kkhd bound, makai curbing. There are no-parking signs for 55 feet. There are an additional 115 feet allocated already for the bus stop, only 95 feet is needed. $55+20=75$ feet	3003 Ala Ilima Street/Kai Nani Apts. Parking space available: 52 feet Ala Ilima Street kkhd bound, makai curbing. There are no-parking signs posted for 72 feet from the crosswalk. Only 20 feet by statue is necessary from the crosswalk. $72-20=52$ feet.

\*\*\*These are just some of the examples of wasted space on these two streets. With parking in this area a premium, I ask the Board to recommend that City officials take a look at these locations, and open it up for more parking for our community.

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At some of these locations, it could be that bus stops were moved, and the no-parking signs were left back. In other areas, it appears that someone had political clout at the time to make these changes. Decisions in these cases should be made for what is best for the majority of the community, not self-interest. A lot of people will say it is so hard to get out of a particular driveway, and we need these signs. However, each driveway already has a 4 feet clearance on each side, and I'm sure everyone would love to keep the cars as far away from the property line as possible. These types of changes should not be made for individual requests, unless it comes through the Neighborhood Board so we can determine if it is good for the majority of the community, not just one person. In Salt Lake we need extra parking space. If there are no liability issues or violations of law, the City should help this community by opening up these spaces. I'm sure our Mayor would agree!

### Totals:

Just in these six (6) areas, a total of 536 feet could be used for extra parking spaces on these two streets in Salt Lake.

536 feet divided by 14 feet (my vehicle) = 38

Imagine 30 more cars could park in Salt Lake.  
Wow!

Just to give you an idea of how large this is, on Likini Street, from Ala Napunani Street (Roundabout) to Ala Lilikoi Street, a total of 87 cars can park legally on the mauka side of the roadway. So that tells us that our 38 cars would fill almost half that distance. That sure is a lot of added parking spaces!!



## Our Community Graffiti Task Force

By: Minnie M. Brazell

Community Relations Chair

The Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Community Graffiti Task Force has been actively painting out graffiti as soon as it is seen on our public walls and buildings.

John Drake of Foster Village has been doing a terrific job of combating graffiti from the Stadium Mall along Salt Lake Boulevard up to Bougainville Street. John works as a fireman at the Moanalua Fire Station. John uses his own funds to buy paint. John says the contractor calls his paint "Salt Lake Boulevard Beige."

Howard Shima, who is a retired member of Neighborhood Board No. 18, and Mark Taylor, a current member of Board No. 18, are part of our Neighborhood Board Community Task Force. Both of these men are busy painting out graffiti from Aliamanu schools to Puuloa road. Howard gets his paint from Gilbert Ha, who is with the City Facility Maintenance Department.

Lynda and Janet Takamoto have volunteered their time to become part of the Neighborhood Board Community Task Force in the Aliamanu area from Pakini Street to Maluna Street. These two ladies will be working with Howard Shima to obtain their paint from Gilbert Ha.

These five amazing people should be commended for their work and dedication to our community. We really do need more volunteers; if any of you would like to volunteer your free time by helping John, Mark, Howard, Lynda, and Janet please attend our Neighborhood Board meeting on the second Thursday of the month at Aliamanu Middle School.

The City and County of Honolulu has a Graffiti Hotline, which is available 24 hours a day. This Hotline is available for reporting graffiti on all city properties, such as traffic control poles, lights, City Bus stops, etc. The number to call is 527-5180. There is a new City Ordinance that increases the penalties for vandalism. The violators of this new City Ordinance will face stiffer penalties. Hopefully, the stiffer penalties will serve as a deterrent for future violators.

# What you need to know about the Avian Flu (H5N1)

By: Len Pepper, Social Services Chair and Neil Abercrombie, U.S. Representative



## What is the flu?

A virus causes influenza (also called the flu). Every year a flu virus infects people around the world. This flu is a yearly or seasonal event. In the United States the flu season begins late in March, killing about 36,000 people (250,000-500,000 worldwide). Typically, the seasonal flu is most dangerous for the very young, the very sick, or the very old. Avian Flu would affect everyone, not just those belonging to at risk groups.

## What is the bird flu (H5N1)?

Bird flu is an infection caused by the avian (bird) influenza (flu) virus. This flu virus occurs naturally among birds. Wild birds worldwide carry the virus in their intestines, but usually do not get sick from them. However, bird flu is very contagious among birds and can make some domestic birds, including ducks, chickens, and turkeys, very sick and kill them.

## Why is a pandemic flu deadlier than the seasonal flu?

Pandemic flu is caused by a new virus, one to which humans have not been exposed in a very long time (probably not within the lifetime of anyone living). Pandemic flu spreads rapidly and is seen worldwide. Pandemic flu infects large numbers of people of all ages and causes serious illness and death.

## Is there treatment for the bird flu?

H5N1 can be treated with antiviral drugs, which require a **doctor's prescription**. The vaccine against seasonal flu will not protect against H5N1.

While there is currently no vaccine available for the Avian Flu virus, the CDC suggests people of all ages receive a seasonal flu vaccine because it can potentially limit the disease's spread.

## Symptoms

At first, you cannot tell the difference between H5N1 and seasonal flu symptoms. H5N1 symptoms are the same as seasonal flu:

- 1 Fever
- 2 Cough
- 3 Fatigue
- 4 Body Ache

Human H5N1 cases have usually started very suddenly with:

- 1 Fever (102°-104°) lasting 3-4 days
- 2 Headache
- 3 Severe muscle aches
- 4 General weakness/extreme fatigue

These symptoms are accompanied by:

- 1 Dry cough
- 2 Sore throat
- 3 Runny or stuffy nose

Stomach or intestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea) are much more common in children than adults.

**You should see a healthcare provider or go to an emergency room immediately if you or your children have any of the following:**

- 1 Severe or prolonged symptoms (10 or more days)
- 2 Difficulty breathing; rapid/painful breathing
- 3 Bluish skin
- 4 Return of fever or cough
- 5 Dehydration
- 6 Cough with yellow mucus or saliva
- 7 Confusion
- 8 Severe or persistent vomiting
- 9 Worsening of a serious medical condition

\* Speak with your healthcare provider before the flu season starts!

# Salt Lake Boulevard Enhancement Project

By: Lorene Godfrey

The City completed this project in December 2002. The new landscaping and irrigation system along Salt Lake Blvd. between Puuloa Road and Ala Lilikoi Streets had certainly done its job of curtailing graffiti on those beautifully tall concrete walls. But, before the initial contractor's maintenance period had expired on March 31, 2003, there were major irrigation problems and the landscaping begun to deteriorate.

To briefly recap:

2003 - The summer came and went and the vines on the concrete walls were dying. At this time in August, our NHB member Howard Shima wrote to the city to request their assistance in maintaining the landscaping. Through the fall months, correspondence was exchanged between Mr. Shima and the Department of Design and Construction Civil Division regarding some water seeping down to a condo building.

2004 - The following summer, the City Department of Parks and Recreation wrote to confirm that a maintenance contract executed as of June 1, 2004 was in place and provided for weekly maintenance of the landscape along with the city's plan to schedule its personnel to "inspect, adjust and repair the irrigation heads and valves often." A letter to Mayor Harris in October 2004 requested his personal assistance to remedy the poor response of his administration and to remedy the beautification project he personally endorsed as part of the Vision Team projects that were initiated.

2005 - By January, the Parks and Recreation Dept. maintenance division reported that the entire irrigation system had been repaired and the plants should not be dying anymore. Thereafter and right through November 2005, past NHB member Howard Shima used every means to request assistance from the Parks and Recreation. He was also able to urge City Councilman Romy Cachola to submit a letter to the Honorable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor, in September 2005 requesting his assistance in addressing our concerns.

I have recently received all the background information from Howard Shima and it is my intention to continue the diligent work he began. At the February NHB meeting, we heard a proposal from Deputy Director Dana Takahara-Dias from the Department of Parks and Recreation in this matter. The city will propose to budget about \$30,000.00 to remove the dead and dying vines, then prep and re-paint those areas. Obviously, there's little that can be done without the City's efforts because of the enormity of the project and its cost.

Nonetheless, I would like to invite any interested persons to contact us with any feasible solution you may have for this matter. Our objective has been and continues to be the beautification of Salt Lake Blvd. for all our residents. Our NHB meetings are always scheduled on the second Thursday of the month, and the agenda and minutes of each meeting is posted on the Internet web site <http://www.honolulu.gov>

We thank you all for your patience with the city and with us to see this roadway look beautiful again. I believe we can cooperatively work out an acceptable plan to get this done.



# Aloha from your Neighborhood Board!



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